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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Proctor, Jr. (US 6,925,070) in view of Gitlin et al. (US006018528A).

Regarding claims 1, 2, 3, Proctor discloses a wireless telecommunication system, wireless terminal and base station, (Figure 1) comprising: a wireless base station (Figure 1, #'s 18, 20); at least one first wireless communication terminal (Figure 1, #. i.e., 14-1) that delivers packets by using one frequency channel (Figure 3, col. 2, lines 35-47, data packets are transmitted to receivers); and at least one second wireless communication terminal (Figure 1, # 14-2, wireless terminal) that delivers packets by using a plurality of frequency channels simultaneously, wherein the frequency channels are formed by a plurality of time slots (Figures 1, 3, col. 2, line 51-54, col. 3, lines 15-26, col. 5, lines 35-45, teach several slots conform to channels; frequency channels, for delivering packets); and transmits non-simultaneously for the plurality of frequency channels (col. 2, lines 35-38, 45-62, the transmission may be executed periodically).

With further regard to claim 2, Proctor discloses an access unit that transmits time slots for indicating the terminals to which the channels are allocated (Figure 3, col.2, lines 35-38; col. 9, lines 1-35).

With further regard to claim 3, Proctor discloses the wireless terminal (Figure 1, 3 14-1-14-2) that can deliver frequency channel formed by time slots sent for allocating slots (Figure 3, #'s 320,330; figure 5, #'s 510,530, col. 2, lines 35-38, 45-62).

What Proctor does not specifically disclose is transmitting non-simultaneously the signal for the plurality of frequency channels for switching the frequency channels from the base station.

Gitlin discloses partitioning overall time frequency spectrum to a plurality of frequency bands to extend a plurality of time slots to categorize users as high speed users and low speed users (Figure 2, #'s 12, 14; Figure 5, #'s 42, 40, 44, 46, 48, 50; col. 3, lines 63-67-col. 4, lines 1-10, 11-39, 46-50; col. 5, lines 61-67-col. 7, lines 1-10; col. 6, lines 45-65).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify Proctor, such that transmitting non-simultaneously the signal for the plurality of frequency channels, to provide control of the allocation of frequency channels transmitted from the base stations to different requirements form terminals.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julio R. Perez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7846. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30 - 6:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William G. Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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